

FIRE MADNESS A SYMPTOM

Rather Than a Distinct Form
of Insanity.

MALICE AND REVENGE

At One Time was the Cause
of Many Fires.

Such Cases are Not so Common Now
Because the Fire Marshals Have
Performed a Consistent Work

The number of persons found not guilty in trials for incendiarism has regularly diminished during the years since the office of fire marshal was established. In 1901, the first calendar year of the office, juries found eight out of seventeen persons not guilty. In 1906, there were but two acquittals in eighteen cases tried to juries.

Owing, doubtless, to the fact that the fire marshal and his 25 assistants are supported by a tax upon insurance companies which are capitalistic organizations, there has been a prejudice against the fire marshal's department in the minds of the men from among whom jurors are drawn. It is hardly surprising that the average citizen should surmise that the fire marshal being supported by the insurer would work for his interest as against that of the insured. Of this suspicion the attorneys of the criminal are quick to take advantage, charging that the assistant fire marshals who have gathered the evidence are paid detectives of the insurance companies, whose business is to aid a plutocratic foreign corporation in effort to avoid paying the just claim of a neighbor.

Through the philanthropy of the newspapers and magazines of the state which have given an enormous amount of valuable space to bulletins of the department, the public has been shown that insurance companies simply assess the danger from fire in each building, collect the amount of the assessment and use the money so collected from several hundred buildings to make good the loss on one that is burned; that when one defrauds an insurance company the community pays the amount; that the fear of prosecution and conviction is the only protection one can have against being burned out by an enemy and that every person in the state pays in some way his share of each fire loss, be the cause incendiarism, ignorance or carelessness.

The fire marshal department will continue to be embarrassed to some extent by prejudice until its expenses are paid from the general revenue fund, as are other state departments.

THE PYROMANIAC.
Pyromania (fire madness) is a symptom rather than a distinct form of insanity, but in many cases in which it occurs it is the first evidence of mental derangement. It is difficult to convict such a person because no motive for the act of burning can be shown and he may exhibit no other symptoms which suggest a malady of the mind. Later, other marked symptoms of mania develop, making the disease unmistakable, but in the interval he may set a number of fires. However, he oftener than any other incendiary is seen while committing the act, for he has at the time no fear of punishment.

AN IMPERATIVE IMPULSE.
The pyromaniac is seized by an imperative desire to burn. While under this irresistible impulse he has no appreciation of the fact that his act will injure others, or may result in punishment to himself.

This propensity of the insane is most likely to develop in the incurable classes of the insane, and in the imbecile, and sometimes is seen in those suffering from epilepsy and paresis. There never comes a time when it is safe to society for one who has once had an irresistible impulse to incendiarism to be at large.

The increase in the number of this class of burners in proportion to population and will be greater each year, because the increase of the insane population is proportionately greater than that of the sane.

MALICE AND REVENGE.

In the group of those who are incendiaries on account of malice or revenge is placed those who burn because of envy or jealousy. The number of these cases has been diminishing as the public have become impressed by the fact that suspicious fires are investigated by trained assistant fire marshals who pursue incendiaries relentlessly. The deterrent effect from the existence of the state fire policemen is not so marked in this class as it is in the class who burn to defraud because the burner for gain dispassionately weighs possibilities.

D. S. CREAMER,
State Fire Marshal.



PLAYS AND PLAYERS

NEW VAUDEVILLE HOUSE.

Monday evening the doors of the Grand Opera House will be thrown open to the public of Marion and the people given a chance to witness one of the best vaudeville shows ever appearing in Marion. The bill will include six high class acts, every one of which is a feature in itself. The management of the Grand promises to give the best that money can secure. Two shows will be given each evening, the first at 7:30 and the second at 9:00. The price to all parts of the house is ten cents first come first served. Reserved seats can be secured at any time without extra charge. Matinees will be given every Wednesday and Saturday at 3 o'clock.

to hand, balancing, pyramids, flip-flaps and leaps. They are headliners, and simply carried the house by storm.

Then comes Anna H. Goldie, the stinging comedienne; The Pepper Twins, song and dance artists; Bert Marshall the song and dance artist; Harry J. Chalmers the solo harpist. There will be thrown in for good measure several illustrated songs.

MARION FAMILY THEATER.

Mauger Vail of the Marion Family Theater will have an extraordinary strong feature next week commencing with the Monday Afternoon matinee in the Astidate Troupe of Japs, five in number, introducing wife walking, magic and typical Japanese



THE WEBBER FAMILY OF ACROBATS

One of the Greatest Vaudeville Acts on the American Stage Today—
At the Grand all Next Week.

The bill for the opening week is indeed one that cannot be improved upon. Manager Perry says that it is just a sample of what he is going to offer to the people of Marion. The bill, he headed by the Webber family of seven people, renowned acrobats. This turn is one of the highest salaried acts of its kind in the country. In regards the act, the Joliet, Ill. Daily Republican says of the act which appeared at the Grand in that city:—

"The Webbers, seven of them in number, from Webber senior down to the baby are finished acrobats, and put on a perfect cyclone of hand

sports. This is one of the big headline acts of the circuit and should take well in this city. Six other acts will be given furnishing a bill of seven acts making one of the strongest vaudeville shows ever produced in Marion.

The three DeBollen Bros. Comedy acrobats do a clever act appearing as a devil, skeleton and clown.

C. D. McCullough a character comedian does some clever impersonating, among his victims being the leading musical comedy stars of the present season.

The feature of the bill is said to be Stevens and Keeley in a laughing

comedy sketch entitled "Ain't It Warm." Mr. Stevens is as funny as he can be and his burlesque on the "Two Orphans" always scores well. He is ably supported by Miss Keeley. R. N. Bailey, the black face monologist comes to the city highly recommended as a clever performer. Miss Coleman will sing "I Want to be a Soldier" and the moving picture man has several yards of excellent film which he will donate to the good cause. Among the pictures "The Guest" and "Nobody Works Like Father" are said to be the best.

FIRST STEAMER ON SUPERIOR.

Independence Made Initial Trip Sixty-two Years Ago.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.—In these days of 600-footers it is interesting to note that it will be 62 years ago this coming season that the waters of Lake Superior were first navigated by a steam vessel. This ship was the screw propelled Independence, a craft of small burden, but at the time a veritable queen of the lakes.

The Independence was built at Chicago and steamed up to St. Mary's falls, where it was carried overland for seven-eighths of a mile, across the portage at that point. The vessel was capable of making five miles an hour with her steam and was supplied with a foresail and mainsail, which added to her speed in accordance with the wind. Capt. A. J. Avwell was master of the Independence and the vessel was built by his father.

Landing ports on Lake Superior were very few in those days. Duluth was hardly a name then, the principal place at the head of the lakes being the town of Superior, which is now known as Old Superior. All steam vessels sailing on Lake Superior for the ten years succeeding the first trip of the Independence were carried around the portage at the falls in St. Mary's river, while in the mean time the ship canal was under construction. The first vessel to pass through this canal was the side-wheel or Illinois, the date being July 17, 1855.

The second steam vessel to sail on Lake Superior was the Julia Palmer, which made her initial voyage in these waters in August, 1846.

CARRIAGE 125 YEARS OLD.

Belonged to General Henry Knox. It Still in Good Repair.

Boston.—Doubtless the oldest private carriage in existence in the United States to-day is that which belonged to Major Gen. Henry Knox of Thomaston, Me. The vehicle is about 125 years old, and in it Gen. Knox used to drive over his vast estate. It is now owned by Frank B. Hill, first selectman of Thomaston, who purchased it of the Alden Gay estate in 1895. After the death of Gen. Knox, which occurred Oct. 25, 1906, Alden Gay's father bought the carriage of the Knox estate, and it remained with the Gays until Mr. Hill made his purchase. The carriage, coming as it does from so famous a man as was Gen. Knox, first secretary of war under Washington, makes it a decidedly more valuable relic. Nor is it a relic in the sense that it is something that has become useless, for Mr. Hill takes a ride in this ancient carriage once in awhile, and it is in almost as good condition as the day it came from its builders. It was probably manufactured in Boston, as General Knox operated a packet line of small sailing vessels between Boston and Thomaston, and at that time there were no carriage builders in Thomaston.

TWO LETTERS.

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sians and Armenians and Coptic and Syrians and all Oriental creations beside all ragged, and all dirty. And I have not even mentioned the dogs, thousands and thousands of them, the most friendless discouraged looking beasts that ever infested the earth.

Of course we drove in carriages to the principal attractions of the city and walked only when going to the bazaars, where the streets are too narrow for carriages. The first point of interest to every traveller here, is the mosque of St. Sophia, a superb edifice built originally by Constantine as a christian church 1600 years ago. As is the case in all Mohammedan Mosques, we were required to wear sandals upon entering, that no earthly soil might be carried into their sacred edifice. I wish I could draw an adequate picture of the handsomest lady of the Marion contingent shuffling along wearing number twelve.

A most agreeable oasis in the desert of our day in Constantinople was a visit to the charming and hospitable home of the Rev. Marcellus Bowen, where all the Marion people were invited to dine. We received the very warmest of welcomes, not only from Mr. Bowen himself but from his charming wife and accomplished daughter, Miss Lillian, who by the way is to be married June 1st. Their apartments on the high ground of old Stamboul overlooks all Constantinople, Pera, Galata, the Golden Horn and even our ship home far out on the Bosphorus could be distinctly seen.

The bazaars were fascinating. All Oriental bazaars are. And as usual Clark's Grand Oriental Shopping Expedition made one mad rush for postal cards, Oriental Embroideries, rugs and souvenirs of all kinds. Our luggage is gradually filling up and we are not yet half way around.

I wonder if the people left behind realize what they ask when they request friends who go abroad to shop for them. I, for one, have been asked to buy THIRTY-ONE different articles—from Maltese lace to Turkish cigarettes (the latter for a clergyman NOT of Marion); and from actual lack of time I am forced to decline to execute the most of the commissions.

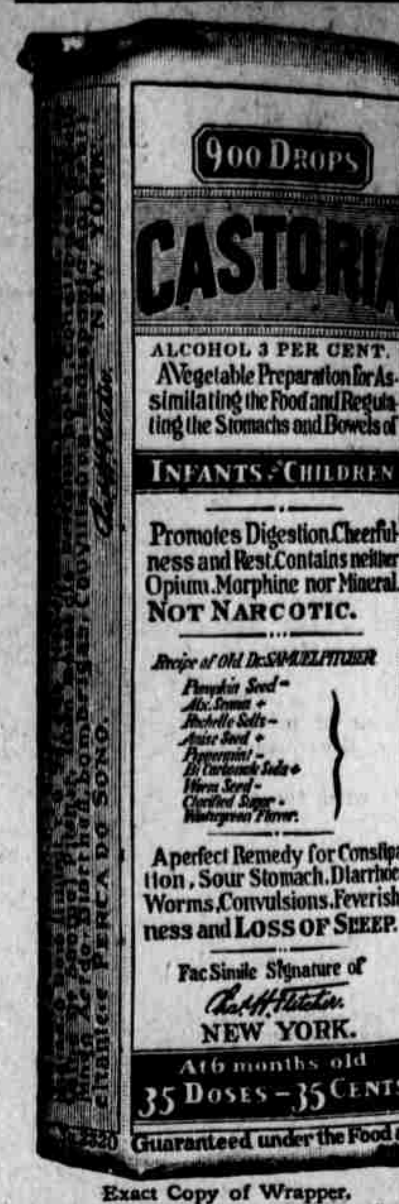
We left the city of dirt and logs and mud and odors this morning and the Arabia steamed through the Bosphorus twenty miles up to the entrance of the Black sea and back, passing Roberts college, three of the Sultan's palaces and many handsome country seats.

We are now heading southward toward Smyrna which we reach tomorrow. Wednesday about sixty of us will leave the main party to go to Damascus—the oldest city in the world and the scene of Paul's conversion.

The time is flying; already this splendid cruise is almost half over except for those who cross Europe. Some of us are going one way and some another and all sorts of routes are talked of—from Sicily to the North Cape.

The bugle sounds for lunch and all else must now wait.

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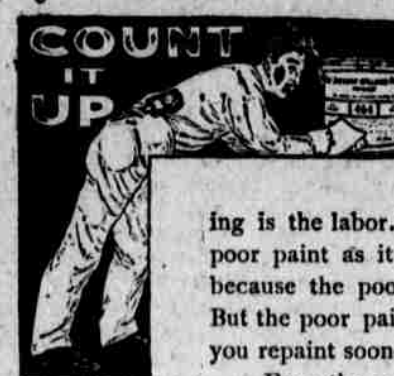
Reads So "Easy."
A French mariner thinks advantage may be taken of the favorable winds at the edge of a cyclone for facilitating navigation. By means of observations with the barometer and other instruments, he would ascertain the direction in which the storm is going and so shape the course of the ship that it would be carried along by the sweep of the atmosphere without becoming involved in the dangerous center of the storm.

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